

SENATE BILL 2151

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7 and Title 65, relative to utilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 32, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Apartment" means one (1) or more rooms with a private bath and kitchen facilities comprising an independent, self-contained residential unit in a building; and

(2) "Newly constructed apartment" means any structure for which a building permit for construction of an apartment is issued on or after July 1, 2014.

(b) On or after July 1, 2014, a utility shall individually meter each newly constructed apartment. No utility shall allow master-metered designs for newly constructed apartment buildings.

(c) For apartments constructed prior to July 1, 2014, the utility shall not discontinue service to a master-metered apartment building without first providing notice under § 65-32-104 to all occupants in such building.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.